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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN: PLANS FOR DISPOSITION ON PHYKOS

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF SMITHSONIAN CHALLINOR TODAY HOSTED LUNCHEON FOR YUGOSLAV SCIENTIFIC COUNSELOR RAJACIC AT WHICH LATTER WAS INFORMED:

A. PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS TO DISPOSE OF SMI-OWNED PHYKOS AT KORCULA HAVE FAILED:

B. DOCKAGE AND INSURANCE CHARGES OF ABOUT DOLS 2,150 PER MONTH NOW TOTAL EXCESS DOLS 30,000;

C. SMI CONSIDERING VARIOUS ALTERNATIVE METHODS IMMEDIATE DISPOSITION. PREREQUISITE TO ANY DISPOSITION ABORAD WOULD BE FORMAL DETERMINATION BY SECRETARY SMI THAT VESSEL IS SURPLUS AND AGREEMENT BY STATE DEPARTMENT THAT DISPOSITION WOULD BE IN CONFORMITY WITH US FOREIGN POLICY; AND D. SMI SONSIDERING POSSIBLE SALE "AS IS WHERE IS" FOR HIGHEST PRICE ON OPEN MARKET. ESTIMATES OF POSSIBLE CASH VALUE VARY WIDELY FROM A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS UP TO DOLS 500,000. AS PART OF ANY DISPOSITION, SMI WOULD FIRST SEEK LIQUIDATION

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OF ACCUMULATED CHARGES AGAINST VESSEL.

2. RAJACIC IS COMMUNICATING ABOVE TO HIS GOVERNMENT (ATTENTION DIRECTOR GENERAL, FAISECTC). HE MAY ALSO SUGGEST POSSIBLE PURCHASE BY GOY ON SOME BASIS SUCH A LIQUIDATION OF ACCRUED CHARGES. SMI WILL ADVISE EMBASSY PROMPTLY AS SOON AS FORMAL AUTHORIZATION OBTAINED FOR DISPOSITION OF PHYKOS. KISSINGER

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